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SUBJECT:DANISH AMBASSADOR CALLS ON ASST. SEC. HARTMAN

1. ON SEPT. 10 DANISH AMBASSADOR BARTELS CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN TO REVIEW US POLICY TOWARD GREECE AND CYPRUS IN ORDER TO PREPARE ASSESSMENT FOR USE BY PRIME MINISTER HARTLING AND FOREIGN MINISTER GULDBERG FOR SEPTEMBER 14/17 EC MEETINGS IN PARIS. HARTMAN REVIEWED SITUATION IN CYPRUS, CONCLUDING THAT WE ARE STILL IN EXPLORATORY PHASE. WE HOPE TO AVOID FURTHER INCIDENTS ON CYPRUS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AND BELIEVE THE SOONER TALKS TAKE PLACE BETWEEN COMMUNITY LEADERS, THE FASTER NORMALIZATION WILL OCCUR. IN ADDITION TO THE POLITICAL ISSUES, HARTMAN SAID, THERE ARE SERIOUS HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS WHICH SHOULD BE HANDLED ON A PRIORITY BASIS.

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2. HARTMAN SAID THAT WE WERE DELIGHTED WITH THE NEW

GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS; WE WANTED TO SUPPORT IT AND WE WERE MOST PLEASED WITH THE EC'S APPROACH TO ATHENS. WE ARE, HOWEVER, WORRIED BY THE TENDENCY OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO FIND A SCAPEGOAT IN THE US. OUTBURSTS OF ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT IN GREECE WOULD CERTAINLY NOT BENEFIT KARAMANLIS, BUT RATHER PAPANDREOU. HARTMAN SAID WE WOULD HOPE THAT WHEN THE DANISH GOVERNMENT TALKS WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT, THE DANES WOULD ENCOURAGE THE

GREEKS NOT TO TAKE AN ANTI-AMERICAN LINE SINCE IT WOULD ONLY MAKE GREECE'S RETURN TO NATO MORE DIFFICULT. BARTELS REPLIED THAT HE BELIEVED HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD GO ALONG WITH THAT. THE EC, BARTELS SAID, WILL BE CONSIDERING HOW TO SUPPORT THE MORE SENSIBLE PEOPLE IN GREECE AND WILL ENCOURAGE THEM NOT TO MAKE ANTI-AMERICAN STATEMENTS. BARTELS ADDED THAT SOME YEARS AGO DENMARK HAD BEEN HARSHLY CRITICIZED BY FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS BECAUSE OF DANISH OPPOSITION WITHIN NATO TO THE FORMER GREEK REGIME. THE DANES, BARTELS SAID, HAD GIVEN IN TO THIS AND HE NOW REGRETTED THAT. IF THE DANES AND OTHERS HAD KEPT UP THEIR PRESSURE ON THE FORMER GREEK REGIME, PERHAPS THE SITUATION WOULD BE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT TODAY.

3. BARTELS ASKED IF THE GREEKS HAD APPROACHED US FORMALLY ON THE BASE ISSUE. HARTMAN SAID NO; HOWEVER, IF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WISHED TO DISCUSS CHANGES IN THE US BASE STRUCTURE IN GREECE WE WOULD BE WILLING TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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